(b) whether it is a fact that a bridge named 'Setubandh' constructed by 'Nal' and "Neel" came across during return journey to Ayodhya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The supplementary text book for class VI published by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in June, 2006 gives the story of Lord Rama based on the 'Valmiki Ramayan', wherein, it has been mentioned that a bridge was constructed by 'Nal' in five days and also that the bridge was named 'Setubandh' built by 'Nal' and Neel'.

Depiction of Lord Shri Ram's family in a poor light

†202. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that picture of Lord Shri Ram's family in the supplementary text book of Hindi recommended by National Council of Educational Research and Training and prescribed for class VI in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been depicted in a crude manner;

(b) if so, whether orders have been issued to remove those pictures; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The picture of Lord Shri Ram's family given in the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) supplementary textbook of Hindi for class VI has been depicted in the traditional "Pat Chitra" style of West Bengal. These illustrations provide opportunity to learners to understand and appreciate the various dimensions of the contexts in the text, and also familiarise the students to Indian traditional styles of painting.

Establishment of new IITs

204. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up twenty new IITs, if so, the details thereof location-wise;

(b) what would be the strength of new IITs;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has taken a view over the proposal;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(e) how Government propose to generate resources; and

(f) the parameters of public private partnership proposed in such IITs?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Government have decided to set up three new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), one each in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan, for which 'in principle' approval of the Planning Commission has been obtained. When fully developed, each IIT will have about 3000 students in various programmes.

(e) and (f) For the new IITs, respective State Governments will provide land free of cost. The recurring and non-recurring costs will be borne by the Central Government. No public-private partnership is contemplated in setting up of new IITs.

Central Tribal University in KBK region

205. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested the Centre to establish a Central Tribal University in the KBK region of this State, to benefit the deprived backward pockets of tribals;

(b) if so, the details alongwith status thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which it would be set up to meet this long-standing demand of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) A proposal for setting up of 16 Central Universities – one each in such States as have no Central University– is in the process of being finalized. Orissa being one of such States, its request for establishment of a Central University in the tribal dominated KBK region shall receive due consideration. Further, a Bill for setting up a Central Tribal University is in the process of being introduced in the current session of the Parliament. The proposed University shall have power to establish its Regional Centres in the areas inhabited by tribal population, which could include KBK region of Orissa.

Additional grants under mid-day meal scheme

206. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned additional grants to Orissa for construction of kitchen sheds in primary schools under the mid-day meal scheme; and

(b) if so, the details of the total financial assistance sanctioned to that State under the above project and the number of schools that have been covered so far thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Central assistance up to a maximum of Rs. 60,000/- is provided to States/UTs to construct kitchen-cum-store under the Mid-day Meal Scheme. During 2006-07, Central assistance of Rs. 9054.33 lakh was provided to the Government of Orissa for construction of kitchen sheds-cum-stores in 15091 primary schools in the State.